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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE GOC APPROACH TO CHAIRMAN ALLANA OF UN HUMAN

RIGHTS COMMISSION WORKING GROUP ON CHILE

1. USMILGP COMMANDER COL GEORGE REPORTS THAT HIGH-RANKING CHILEAN MILITARY OFFICER TOLD HIM FEB 19 THAT "WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR PEOPLE TO GET TOGETHER WITH (UNHRC WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN) ALLANA AND TO WORK OUT SOMETHING."

2. WE WILL DISCREETLY SEEK CONFIRMATION OF THIS REPORT, WHICH WAS GIVEN TO US ON MOST CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCLOSED OUTSIDE USG. IF REPORT IS TRUE, IT WOULD INDICATE THAT GOC HAS CONCLUDED IT MUST EXPLORE WAYS IN WHICH IT COULD SET RIGHT ITS MAJOR BLUNDER IN BARRING WORKING GROUP FROM CHILE. THIS COULD LEAD TO A SHARP CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS GOC POSITION. HITHERTO GOC HAS TAKEN LINE THAT ITS DECISION TO BAR WORKING GROUP WAS AN ACT OF SOVEREIGNTY AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE REVERSED. IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO CHANGE THIS POSITION, WHICH IS PINOCHET'S.

3. GOC HAS BEEN UPSET BY ADOPTION FEB 18 OF KENNEDY AMENDMENT IN SENATE PROHIBITING US MILITARY ASSISTANCE

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TO CHILE. COMING AS IT DOES ALONG WITH PREDICTABLE

BUT NEVERTHELESS PAINFUL EXPERIENCE AT UNHRC
MEETING IN GENEVA, THIS DEVELOPMENT MAY HAVE PRECIPITATED
A DECISION TO APPROACH ALLANA. IF SO, THIS WOULD BE
YET ANOTHER CASE IN WHICH CHILEAN ACTION HAS BEEN TOO
LITTLE AND TOO LATE FOR MAXIMUM IMPACT.

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